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Honorable Lorna G. Schofield
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square Room 201
New York, New York 10007

**Re: United States v. Samuel Saunders
19 Cr. 679 (LGS)**

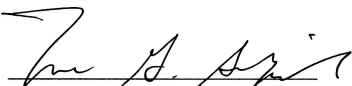
Dear Judge Schofield:

We respectfully write on behalf of our client Samuel Saunders, in response to the Court's Order dated May 4, 2020, to advise the Court that we have spoken with Mr. Saunders regarding the conference scheduled for June 4, 2020. After being fully informed of his rights, he has advised us that he waives his right of personal appearance for the conference but would like to appear telephonically. It was not possible to have Mr. Saunders personally sign a waiver, but we provide the Court with a personal appearance waiver and consent to appear by telephone, which we have signed on behalf of Mr. Saunders. See Exhibit A.

Application GRANTED. The Court construes this letter motion (Dkt. No. 22) and the attached Exhibit A (Dkt. No. 22-1) as Defendant Saunders' waiver of his right to be present at the June 4, 2020, conference.

Defendant Saunders shall appear telephonically at the June 4, 2020, conference at 11:20 a.m., by calling (888) 363-4749 and using access code 558-3333 at the appointed time. The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to close the open motion at Dkt. No. 22. SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 20, 2020
New York, New York


LORNA G. SCHOFIELD
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Respectfully submitted,

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